

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN, on January 16, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 44, 1/8/2009; SB 52, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: SB 26, SB 52

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 **SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN (D), SD 17**, opened the hearing on **SB 44**, Establish health policy council in legislative branch.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:26 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired People (AARP)
00:10:50 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services (NWHS)

EXHIBIT(phs10a01)

00:12:12 Frank Cody, Senior Vice President, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)
00:13:53 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)
00:14:29 Bob Robertson, Montana Unified School District (MUSD)
00:16:09 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:16:53 Lake Foster, Wheaton Memorial Hospital (WMH)
00:18:58 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:19:45 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
00:20:26 Jim Ahrens, Montana Cancer Society (MCS)

EXHIBIT(phs10a02)

00:21:16 Tom Bilodeau, Researcher, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:22:09 Larry White, Instructor, University of Montana (UM)
00:23:32 Charlene Suckow, Montana Retired Educators Association (MREA)
00:24:36 Don Allen, National Advisory Insurance and Financial Association (NAIFA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:26:10 Susan Fox, Legislative Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:43 Sen. Schmidt
00:27:28 Sen. Hansen
00:28:17 Sen. Schmidt

00:28:28 Ms. Clifford, (AARP)
00:30:26 Sen. Schmidt
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00:32:26 Ms. Clifford (AARP)
00:33:26 Sen. Schmidt
00:33:32 Ms. Clifford (AARP)
00:33:48 Sen. Schmidt
00:34:32 Chairman Brown
00:34:45 Ms. Clifford (AARP)
00:34:57 Sen. Juneau
00:36:02 Sen. Hansen
00:36:49 Sen. Juneau
00:37:37 Mr. Foster (WMH)
00:39:45 Sen. Larsen
00:40:10 Sen. Hansen
00:40:27 Claudia Clifford, (AARP)
00:41:02 Chairman Brown
00:41:15 Sen. Schmidt
00:41:49 Susan Fox, (LC)
00:42:54 Sen. Schmidt
00:43:37 Ms. Clifford (AARP)
00:44:47 Sen. Schmidt
00:44:54 Ms. Clifford (AARP)
00:45:14 Sen. Juneau
00:45:46 Ms. Fox (LC)
00:47:47 Sen. Juneau
00:47:57 Ms. Fox, (LC)
00:48:20 Sen. Schmidt
00:48:51 Ms. Clifford, (AARP)
00:50:23 Chairman Brown
00:51:49 Sen. Hansen
00:52:13 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:22 Sen. Hansen
00:52:32 Chairman Brown

EXHIBIT (phs10a03)

EXHIBIT (phs10a04)

00:53:16 Sen. Hansen
00:54:28 Chairman Brown

HEARING ON SB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:52 **SEN. TERRY MURPHY (R), SD 39**, opened the hearing on **SB 52**, Prohibit kickbacks and conflict of interest for health care providers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:18 Sen. Juneau

01:01:33 Eve Franklin, Advisor to Governor Schweitzer

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:28 Robert Olson, Vice President Montana Hospitals (MH)

EXHIBIT (phs10a05)

01:09:21 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

01:16:06 Mona Jameson, Great Falls Clinic (GFC)

01:23:13 Mary McCue, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

EXHIBIT (phs10a06)

01:24:55 Margaret Morgan, Montana Physical Therapists (MPT)

01:26:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)

01:28:13 Mark Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals (MCH)

01:28:45 Bill Warden, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital and St. Peters Hospital (BDH) (SPH)

01:29:06 Chairman Brown

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:40 Sen. Murphy

01:31:27 Chairman Brown

01:40:22 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 26

01:40:52 **Motion:** SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 26 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:41:05 Sen. Schmidt

01:41:20 Sen. Murphy

01:43:00 Chairman Brown

01:43:16 **Motion:** SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 26 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT (phs10a07)

01:44:28 Chairman Brown

01:44:42 Lisa Jackson

01:47:27 Chairman Brown

01:47:40 Sen. Murphy

01:47:59 Chairman Brown

01:48:05 Sen. Juneau

01:48:40 Lisa Jackson

01:49:00 Sen. Juneau

01:49:41 Sen. Murphy

01:50:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

01:50:27 **Motion:** SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:50:37 Sen. Hinkle

01:51:34 Sen. Murphy

01:51:40 Sen. Hinkle

01:52:06 Sen. Murphy

01:53:35 Sen. Larsen

01:54:16 Sen. Hinkle

01:55:00 Sen. Larsen

01:56:03 Sen. Schmidt

01:56:46 Mona Jameson, (GFC)

01:58:17 Chairman Brown

01:58:23 Sen. Hinkle

01:58:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

01:59:01 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 52

01:59:33 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 52 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs10aad.pdf](#))